Vocationalisation of Secondary Education

3564. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI B SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing aid for vocational courses at the plus 2 stage in selected schools in the country under the new scheme of vocationalisation of Secondary Education;

(b) whether Government have selected the schools for such vocational training; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the number of vocational training courses likely to be conducted and with what cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The proposed Centrally-sponsored scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education has not yet been finalised.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

AIDS in children

3565 SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AIDS have been found in children below the age of 15 years as has been reported in a section of the press; and

(b) if so, what are the total number of such cases detected so far and what steps are being taken to prevent AIDS in the children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) So far, only one child of 9 months old has been detected to sero positive for HIV infection. Government is taking appropriate measures to screen risk high group through sero surveillance and reference centres established in various States of the country. Screening for HIV antibodies for high risk mothers and mothers with sexually transmitted diseases has also been suggested to the surveillance centres as a preventive measures against AIDS in children.

Enrolment of children in Delhi schools

3566 SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that quite a number of children in the Union Territory of Delhi are not enrolled in schools due to various financial reasons;

(b) if so, what is the estimated number of such children who are not studying; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure that all children of Delhi attend schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha

Grants to Naturopathy and Yoga Centres

3567 DR (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy was set up some years back to conduct research in Yoga and Naturopathy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Council was providing financial aid to the Naturopathy institutions in various States